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Legacy Authorizations

The number of authorizations being issued as Legacy is declining; however several counties continue to issue Legacy authorizations for services that either should be issued as SARs or should not be issued in the CMS Net system at all.

A recent review of Legacy authorizations reveals a large number of authorizations being issued for physician and hospitalization services. There should be no reason for these authorizations. The goal of the Program is to issue ALL authorizations as SARs. Every hospital in the state has a Medi-Cal provider number and can be issued a SAR; physicians have been told that in order to continue to participate in the CCS program they must obtain a Medi-Cal provider number if they do not already have one. If you have a provider who does not have a Medi-Cal provider number you should be advising them that they need to obtain one or you will not be able to issue authorizations to them in the future.

A second group of inappropriate Legacy authorizations are being issued for non medical transportation and lodging/meals. CMS Net should not be used to issue these authorizations. A new Maintenance and/or Lodging form has been approved by the Branch in English and Spanish and is available on the CMS web site publication page at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/PCFH/cms/ccs/publications.htm>. This form can be filled out on-line and should be used instead of issuing Legacy authorizations.

Please review your practices regarding the issuance of Legacy authorizations and limit them to only those that can not currently be issued as SARs.